MILLBURY

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SESQUICENTENNIAL SOUVENIR PROGRAM

150th Anniversary

1813 1963

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of the

incorporation of

the Town of

Millbury, Massachusetts

June 21, 22, and 23, 1963

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"The Old Common in 1813"

Program OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1963

2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Open House at the Mother McGauley Novitiate on Elm Street
(Former Waters Mansion)

TOWN HALL

3:00 P.M. TILL CLOSING

Industrial Exhibit — Local Manufacturers

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FIELD

OPEN AT 6:00 P.M.

Concessions and Games — Booths Operated by Local Organizations

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

8:00 P.M. TO 1.00 A.M.

150th Anniversary Ball — Ray Morton's Orchestra

During Ball—Judging of "Miss Millbury"
During Ball—Judging of Most Authentic "1913" Costume

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1963

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FIELD

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

Field Events — Age Group 6 to 16 — Boys and Girls

Three Legged Race
Sack Race
25 Yard Dash
50 Yard Dash
Bunny Hop
Potato Race
Backward Race
Wheelbarrow Race

Track Meet — Local Boys of High School Age

50 Yard Dash
100 Yard Dash
220 Yard Dash
440 Yard Dash
1 Mile Run
High Jump
Broad Jump

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FIELD

9:00 A.M. TILL CLOSING

Concessions and Games — Booths Operated by Local Organizations

TOWN HALL

10:00 A.M. TILL CLOSING

Industrial Exhibit — Local Manufacturers

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FIELD

1:15 P.M.

Welcome Address — Richard J. Dwinell — Chairman, Board of Selectmen

1.30 P.M.

Parachute Jump

1:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Baseball Game — Millbury Little League

Introduction of 1913 Baseball Championship Team

Bill Summers—Former American League Umpire

Rope Pull — Millbury and Sutton Fire Departments

Firemen's Muster — Leicester, Woodville and Warren

Fly Casting Exhibition

George Polis and Company—Singletary Rod and Gun Club

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

1:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Open House — Junior and Senior High Schools

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

1:30 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Welcome Home Graduates of Millbury High — Meet Your Classmates in the Gym

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

2:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

Song and Dance Exhibition

Dun Workin' Entertainers — Worcester Senior Citizens Folk Dance Club

2:45 P.M. TO 3:45 P.M.

Sports Movies — Paul Kukonen

4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Indian Trails to Iron Rails — Narrator—Stanley H. Smith

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FIELD

5:00 P.M.

Chicken Barbeque

Block Dancing — Music by Worcester Brass Band Orchestra

7:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

Concert — Worcester S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A., Inc. (Barber Shop Choral Group)

Moustache Contest — Judged during Barber Shop Singing

8:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

Band Concert — Worcester Brass Band

10:00 P.M.

Fireworks — Interstate Fireworks Display Co.

"Sound System" by Hill's Sound and Recording Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1963

FEDERATED CHURCH — The Reverend Elton W. Brown

Service at 10:00 A.M.

Sermon: "God's Co-Workers"

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MILLBURY — The Reverend Robert E. Aspinwall

Service at 10:00 A.M.

Sermon: "The Role of the Church in Today's Community"

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MILLBURY — The Reverend Marion R. Phelps

Service at 10:00 A.M.

Sermon: "Our Heritage and Our Future"

Open House from 2 to 6 P.M.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH — The Reverend Pierre A. Dumas

Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A.M.

Special prayers will be offered at all Masses

Sermon: "Civism is Virtue"

All town officials are specially invited to attend the 10:30 A.M. Mass as a group.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH — The Reverend William A. Ahern

Masses at 7:00, 8:00, 9:15, 10:30 and 11:45 A.M.

There will be special prayers in thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the past years and begging His Benediction on the Town's officials and citizens for the future.

RAYMOND MEMORIAL CHURCH — The Reverend Edward F. White

Service at 9:00 A.M.

Sermon: "You Can't Move Back"

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH — The Reverend James M. McCarron

Masses at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 A.M.

A Day of Thanksgiving with special prayers for the Town of Millbury

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL FIELD

10:00 A.M. TILL CLOSING

Concessions and Games — Booths Operated by Local Organizations

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

1:00 P.M.

Anniversary Parade from Memorial High School to Windle Field
Route—North Main Street to Grove, to Waters, to Elm, to the Field

Honorary Parade Marshal, Governor Endicott Peabody

Parade Marshal, Commander John H. Gaucher, U.S.N.R.

Open cars supplied through the courtesy of Millbury Motors, Ballard Motor Sales, Inc., Chabot Motors, Inc.

First Division

Military Units
Colors
Marching Units
Bands
Military Floats

TOWNS AND CITIES

— COLORS —

Second Division

1. Millbury High School Band
2. Float—Millbury School System
   Progress in Education
3. Open car—Miss Millbury
   and court
4. Float—Town of Sutton—
   Oxen drawn
5. Open car—Mayor Paul Mullaney,
   City of Worcester
6. Open car—Selectmen, Town of
   Grafton
7. Open car—Selectmen, Town of
   Northbridge
8. Open car—Selectmen, Town of
   Oxford
9. Open car—Selectmen, Town of
   Auburn
10. Band—Oxford Drum Corps.
    Fire equipment
11. Massachusetts Division of Forest
    and Parks
    Smokey The Bear with Forest
    Fire Truck
12. Town of Auburn—1 Pumper
13. Town of Grafton—1 Laddertruck,
    1 Emergency Truck, 1 Lighting
    Unit
14. Town of Oxford
15. Town of Sutton—2 Pumpers, 1
    Tank Truck, 1 Jeep
15. Town of Warren—1 Hand Pump,
    Civil Defense Unit, Auxiliary
    Fire and Police Department
17. Town of Millbury—1 Ladder Truck,
    4 Pumpers, 1 Forest Fire Truck,
    1 Civil Defense Truck

Third Division

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

— Colors —

1. Band—Noteable Drum Corps, Sr. Corps.
2. Open car—Gold Star Mothers
   Mrs. Excina Maranda
   Mrs. Nellie O'Connell
   Mrs. Mae Hazelwood
   Mrs. Helen Morrissette
3. Devoe-Taylor Post No. 9
   American Legion and Auxiliary
   Float—No Man's Land
4. Charles F. Minney Post V.F.W. and Auxiliary
   Float
5. AMVETS of Millbury
6. Massachusetts State Guard Veterans and Auxiliary
   Colors and Marching Unit
7. Band—Noteable Drum Corps., Jr. Corps.
8. Chester P. Tuttle Post No. 279, A. L.—Auburn
   Marching Unit with colors
   Antique Fire Engine
9. Dudley Gendron Post No. 414, A. L.—Sutton
   Model A Fire Truck

Fourth Division

ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIETIES

— Colors —

1. Band Holy Name C.Y.O. Jr. Band, West Roxbury
2. Millbury Kiwanis Club
   Float—25 Years of Youth Service
3. Millbury Woman's Club
   Float—Old Trolley
4. United Church Women of Millbury and Sutton
   Float—Christian Concern Around the World
5. Blackstone Valley Riders Club
   Float
6. Millbury Golden Age Club
   Bus—Members Dressed in Clothes of Yesteryear, Music
7. Singletary Rod and Gun Club
   Float—Sports Arama followed by a 4-Wheel Comic Gig
8. Millbury Society for District Nursing
   Car—50 Years of Community Nursing Service
9. Band—Millbury Girls F.D.B. Corps.
10. Millbury Grange No. 107
    Float—Agriculture
11. Degree of Pocahontas—Romona Council No. 8
    Float—Freedom, Friendship and Charity
12. Millbury Democratic Council
    Unit Banner Float—The Democrats
    6 cars for State Officials
13. Millbury Little League and Farm System
    Approx. 200 Marching Boys
14. West Sutton 4-H
    2 Floats—Cattle and Homemaking
15. Float—Combined Protestant Churches—
    Baptist Church
    Federated Church
    First Congregational Church
    Raymond Memorial Church
16. Millbury Camp Fire Girls
    Float—50 Years of Camp Fire Girls
17. Our Lady of Lourdes
    Float
    B.S. Troop No. 44
    Cub Scout Pack No. 44 with Little Car
18. Band—Rutland Fife and Drum Corps.
19. Pleasant Valley Chapter of N.E.F.C.A.
    Campertrailers
20. Hikers of Sutton
    Open car

21. Boy Scout Troop No. 109 of Federated Church
    Float—Cub Scout Pack No. 109
    Cubs Today, Leaders Tomorrow
22. West Millbury Social Union
    Float—Country Social
23. Millbury P.T.A.
    Float—Parents and Teachers Working Together for the Good of the Child
24. ADAH Chapter No. 15
    Float—Eastern Star
25. Assumption Parish
    Float
    Boy Scout Troop No. 110
    Cub Scout Pack No. 110
26. St. Brigid's Church
    Boy Scout Troop No. 108
    Cut Scout Pack No. 108

Fifth Division

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

— Colors —

1. Band—P.N.A. Drum Corps., Worcester
2. Howe Petroleum Products
   Old Fashioned Oiler
3. Sutton Fuel Co.
   Float—"You Know You Save, You Know They're Safe With Oil Heat"
4. Heck's Auto Service
   Float—Millbury Transportation and Repairs of Yesteryear
5. Salo Florist
   Float—Horse drawn Bridal wagon
6. Millbury Cooperative Bank
   Float
7. New England High Carbon Wire Corp.
   Float—Wire for the World from Millbury
8. Band—Liberty Boys Drum Corps., Norwood
9. The Felters Company
   Float—"Progress through Felt"
10. Broadway Catering Co.
    Truck—"Today Let's go Broadway"
11. Millbury Motors
12. W. W. Windle Company
    Float
13. Worcester Grain Co.
    Float—Serving the Businessman in the Blue Denim Suit
14. Millbury Credit Union
    Float—Growing with Millbury
15. New Home Builders
    Float—New Home on Wheels
16. Band—Lithuanian-American Drum Corps., Worcester
17. Atlas Distributing Corp.
    Float—Father Knickerbocker, also 150 years old
18. Millbury Boston Express
    Old Delivery Truck
    Horse drawn Delivery Wagon
19. Delco Rubber
    Float—The Shoe Trade
20. D.O.E. Snowmelter and Loader
    Devlin, O'Connor and Eramo
21. New England Power
    Float
22. Carling's Brewery
    Lady Carling
23. Rural Gas
    2 Tank Trucks
24. Mosher's Travel Trailer Center
    28-foot Air Stream Travel Trailer

Sixth Division

ANTIQUE CARS—UNCLASSIFIED AND LATE ENTRIES

— Colors —

Band—Holy Name C.Y.O. Sr. Band, West Roxbury
Professor Rudolf Nunnemacher—Sutton, High Wheel Bike

Mr. Roger Demers, Sr.—Dressed as Abe Lincoln
Mr. Roger Demers, Jr.—Dressed as Uncle Sam

Antique Cars—

Bernard Chase, 1937 Ford
Wesley Army, 1930 Ford
Paul Hellstrom, 1930 Ford
Mr. Hammond, 1900 Holzman
W. W. Windle, 1931 Stutz Bearcat
W. W. Windle, 1932 Cadillac

Band—Powers Star Harmony
Justin Stowe—three 4-Horse drawn Buggies

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1963

JUDGES FOR PARADE

FLOATS

Al Banx, Worcester Walter Shaw, Sutton
Miss Florence Scarpaci, Worcester

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Howard Hurley, *Regional Supervisor*
and Two Associates

Trophies will be awarded at Banquet

Memorial High School Field—After Parade

DRUM CORP EXHIBITION

BANQUET

Pleasant Valley Country Club—7:00 P.M.

Toastmaster
Warren G. Harris

Invocation
Reverend Marion R. Phelps, *Pastor, First Congregational Church*

Benediction
Reverend James M. McCarron, *Pastor, St. Brigid's Church*

INVITED GUESTS

Public officials—National, State, and local

Presentation of Essay Prize to Miss Therinda Lindstrom
and Trophies to Float Winners

ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the minutes of the March 1815 Town Meeting:

"Voted that neat cattle and swine shall not go at large except by permission of the selectmen."

Copy of an old letter owned by Mrs. Ralph P. Day:

Millbury June 16, 1817

We hereby consent that Simon Bixby have the privilege of letting his cow get her living in the highway this present season or until further orders from us in case she is orderly and with a strap around her neck with owners name on it.

Caleb Burbank
John Pierce
David Rice
Rufus Barton
Selectmen of Millbury

A ROYALSTON OBSERVATION

On the Old Bay Path they stopped to rest
One Hundred and Fifty years ago.
On the bank of a stream, they made their camp
For the land they found was a goodly place
That catered to their needs;
And so they stayed from then till now
And raised a family.
For the climate and land were good to them
And they called it Millbury.

Talent they had for many things—
To till the soil was one.
They harnessed the River
To serve their needs
And trade with them begun.
They prospered and grew in many ways
As the World today can see
Till they became what they are now
And they called it Millbury.

By Harold S. Bowker

A TOWN IS BORN

In January of 1741 the first plans were made in preparation for the building of a meetinghouse for the convenience of Sutton citizens in the northern part of the town. Nearly seventy-five years passed before they were to succeed in establishing a separate town.

In 1742 the first steps were taken in the form of a petition for permission to set off the northerly and northeasterly sections of the town (Sutton) as a separate precinct. When this was denied, the group presented a petition to join with others in adjoining towns and form a new town.

Persistence and a firm belief in the soundness of the plan kept the members of North Parish to their purpose and on June 11, 1813 the charter was signed. A new town, Millbury, was now a reality.

The first town meeting was held in the Congregational Meetinghouse, then at the Old Common, on Thursday, July 1, 1813.

The only items of business on the warrant were the election of various necessary officers and the decision concerning what to do about taxes.

It was voted that "the collecting of taxes be put to the lowest bidder with the understanding that the person bidding it off shall be chosen constable upon condition he procure sufficient securieties."

"Alfred Hood bid off to collect the taxes for the year ensuing at 3 cents on the dollar."

FROM AN OLD MILLBURY KITCHEN

In a little homemade notebook, constructed of a scrap of old leather and pieces of what appears to be pages of a ledger, we found the fascinating items printed below. The notebook, dated 1868, belonged to Mary Wood, a relative of Harriet Whitworth Fjellman who now owns it.

A recipe for Hot Rolls

Dry your flour before the fire. Add a little warm milk with two spoonsfuls of yeast, a piece of butter, and an egg well beaten. Add a little salt, 2 spoonsful of sugar. Let it stand all night and bake the rolls in a quick oven.

Ginger Cookies

One and one half cupful of good coffee sugar (granulated will not do). one egg, two-thirds cupful of milk, one-half cupful butter, one teaspoonful of soda, two teaspoonfuls of cream tartar. Mix soft, bake quick; let it stand in pan till cool before taking out.

To make water cold, for summer

Surround the pitcher or jar with several folds of coarse cotton to be constantly wet. The evaporation carries off the heat inside and it will be reduced almost to freezing.

An Insect Trap

Scoop out the inside of a turnip, scollop the edges and place it downward on the earth. The insects will pass into it as a place of retreat through the holes and the cucumbers, squashes, mellons, etc., may soon be clear of them.

To Preserve Milk

Put a spoonful of horseradish into a pan of milk and it will remain sweet for several days either in the open or in a cellar while other milk will sour.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

Old Common

When Millbury was set apart from Sutton in 1813, the center of the newly incorporated town was the Old Common at the junctions of Elmwood St., Carleton Road, Auburn Road and Greenwood St. Here, on the grassy plot which was reputedly used as a training ground for Revolutionary soldiers, was the early site of the First Congregational Church, later removed to Bramanville in 1835. The building was used also for town meetings.

Millbury's earliest store stood on one side of the Common and a school of simple design faced another side. On Carlstrom Lane, a few hundred yards from the Common stood until recent years an ancient house known as "Buck's Tavern" —a wayside stop for the stage coaches from Worcester to Hartford. The town "Pound," used for detaining stray animals, was at the corner of Carlstrom Lane and Carleton Road—the ancient stones having long since disappeared into the foundations of new houses, and Dr. Amasa Braman who gave his name to Bramanville, once maintained a distillery near his home on the Old Common.

The coming of the Blackstone Canal, the railroad and the increasing use of water power were responsible for the movement of the town center to its present location, and the Old Common was left alone to develop into a quiet residential area. There are five 18th century houses still remaining around the original town center.

Cemeteries

A perpetual reminder of the transience of life are the five cemeteries in our town. The three oldest are the Providence St. or County Bridge Cemetery; the Dwinnel Cemetery off McCracken Road, where the oldest inscription is found; and the West Millbury Cemetery. More than 50 soldiers of the American Revolution are buried in Millbury.

The County Bridge burial ground contains the remains of Amos Singletary, first white child born in the town of Millbury, and those of Captain Abijah Burbank who built the first paper mill in central Massachusetts in 1776.

In the West Millbury Cemetery, which is privately owned, lies buried the famous son of Abijah—General Caleb Burbank who gave Millbury its name.

Central Cemetery was opened in 1834 and St. Brigid's Cemetery in 1864.

St. Brigid's Cemetery has been changed from a formless grouping of stones and lots to a well organized unit. Credit belongs to Rev. Daniel P. O'Brien, the Curate who was placed in charge in 1961. His plan called for an extension on three sides. Brush was cleared, stones were reset and aligned, fill was brought in, new drives were made and a tool house and garage built.

On the right, a whole new section was landscaped and in the center was placed a Shrine. On this Altar on Memorial Day, May 30th 1962, Bishop Bernard

Flanagan of The Worcester Diocese consecrated the new part and said Mass for all buried in the cemetery. The Shrine was a gift of the St. Brigid's Men's Club and other parishioners.

Waters Mansion

One of the stateliest residences in Millbury was built in 1826-29 for Asa Waters, famous gunmaker and manufacturer. Its carvings, stuccoes and other decorations were the wonder of the townspeople and the talk of the state.

Between 1830 and 1850, some of the greatest men of the age were guests of the Waters family. Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and Governor Levi Lincoln were among the visitors. In later years, President William Howard Taft, Louis Agassiz and Dr. Alexander Graham Bell were entertained there.

The house remained in the possession of the Waters family until 1928 when it was sold to St. Brigid's Parish. It was first used as a Rectory and later as the Mother McGauley Novitiate. This Novitiate is named after Mary Catherine McGauley, an Irish heiress, who was the foundress and first Sister of Mercy. The Novitiate is the Convent of the Congregation to which girls, aspiring to be Religious come for spiritual and intellectual formation and training for the works of the Institute. Here they remain for two years and ten months, during which time they decide whether or not this is their calling, and the Congregation determines whether or not they have the necessary qualifications to live the life of a Sister of Mercy.

Memorial Day

When Henry A. White, last surviving Millbury member of the Grand Army of the Republic died in 1934 at the age of 90, an era in town history came to end. No longer would the school children look forward to the Memorial Day visits of the GAR veterans with their exciting stories of the Civil War; no longer would they sing "Tenting Tonight" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" in honor of men who were still remembering Gettysburg, Andersonville and Appomattox.

The faithful observances of Memorial Day was carried on by the GAR until, with the passing of the years, the task became too great. The "Sons of Union Veterans" and the "Women's Relief Corps" then aided in the ceremonies to be joined in later years by the veterans of all succeeding wars.

The Memorial Day Services are traditional—the parade includes veterans of all wars, patriotic organizations and youth groups. Marching to the music of bands and fife and drum corps, they visit the cemeteries to honor the dead, and conclude with a salute by a firing squad and the poignant sound of "Taps." For a long time, a dinner for the marchers, prepared by the Social Union at the West Millbury Chapel and furnished by the town, was a Memorial Day feature.

Town Seal

In the Millbury Public Library hangs a hand-carved copy of the Millbury Town Seal made by Mrs. Claire (Killam) Morse.

The Town Seal was used for the first time in 1900. The design includes a picture of the Wheeler Cotton Mill as the central figure, representing industries from which the town received its name. Below the mill are two crossed muskets, a product of Waters Armory and used in three of our country's wars.

OLD STORES

Where there are settlements, stores are inevitable. In the "early days" the problem was solved by the General Store, where practically any needed item could be found.

In Millbury one of the first such stores was the Union Store operated by A. S. Winter in Bramanville. Although there were others before this, including one owned by Silas Dunton and in which Mr. Winter was employed, we believe it is the only one which has survived and where store business is still being conducted.

The Union Store, now called Ephraim's and dealing only in groceries and meat, was originally a general store. Although ownership has gone out of the Winter family, it is, we believe, the only early store where business still goes on at "the old stand."

The Millbury store operated longest by the same family is that started by William E. Horne in 1880. He had been a clerk in the employ of A. S. Winter but, because of an expanding family and desirous of added income, had decided to go into business for himself.

Horne's was first housed in the brick building on High Street (now an apartment building) but was moved in 1899 to the corner of West Main and Burbank Streets, where until 1959 it was operated by seven sons and a grandson. At this time William D. Horne, son of the founder, closed out the business and later sold the building.

DISASTERS

When rain began to fall on March 11th, 1936, Millbury was to be one of the many victims of an unprecedented flood in Worcester county. Days of steady rainfall and melting snow caused untold damage to streets, bridges, stores, factories and homes. The Blackstone River overflowed along with many smaller streams and ponds.

Millbury was also struck by the Great Hurricane of September, 1938. Buildings were damaged, hundreds of trees toppled, and telephones and electrical services disrupted for several weeks. The cleanup task was so great that repair crews from nearby states were called in to help.

In 1954, Hurricanes "Carol" and "Edna" caused widespread damage, costing the town $10,000 but we were fortunate in 1953 when a tornado, which roared across Worcester and other Central Massachusetts communities, by-passed Millbury.

OLD HOMES

We list some of the homes in Millbury which were built before 1800 and are still being used as residences. In many cases the original building has been enlarged. The names refer to present owners. Numbers will pinpoint the homes on the center spread map.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Borek	Old Common
2. Mr. and Mrs. Karl Briel	Old Common
3. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hamblett	Old Common
4. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Day	Old Common
5. Mr. and Mrs. William Remuck	Old Common
6. Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy	Greenwood Street
7. John Mickelson	Auburn Road
8. Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Carlson	Auburn Road
9. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stowe	Stowe Road
10. Mr. and Mrs. Arvid Benson	West Main Street
11. Miss Olga Berg	West Main Street
12. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pearson	West Main Street
13. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Paradise	West Main Street
14. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dana	So. Oxford Road
15. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Weagle	So. Oxford Road
16. Mrs. Edward Fjellman	West Main Street
17. The families of William D. Horne and the late Frank Horne	High Street
18. Mrs. William Witter	Elmwood Street
19. Mrs. James Lilley	McCracken Road
20. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reed	West Main Street
21. Mr. and Mrs. James Shore	Water Street
22. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dempsey	17 Sycamore Street
23. Isabelle Hill	43 Riverlin Street
24. Warren Hayward	Millbury Avenue
25. Mrs. Bertha Niles	Millbury Avenue
26. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Boria	308 Millbury Avenue
27. Mr. and Mrs. Bertis H. Adams	310 Millbury Avenue

BURBANK

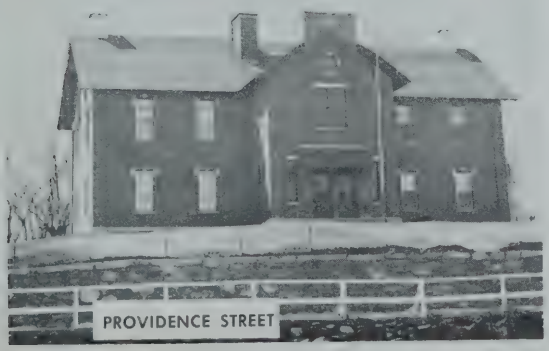
EAST MILLBURY

CENTER

ASSUMPTION

WEST MILLBURY

UNION



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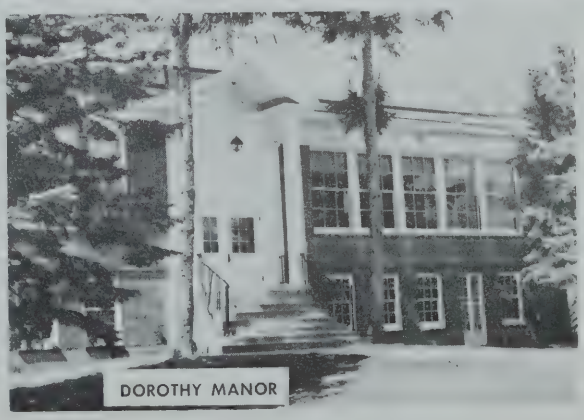

DOROTHY MANOR

MILLBURY'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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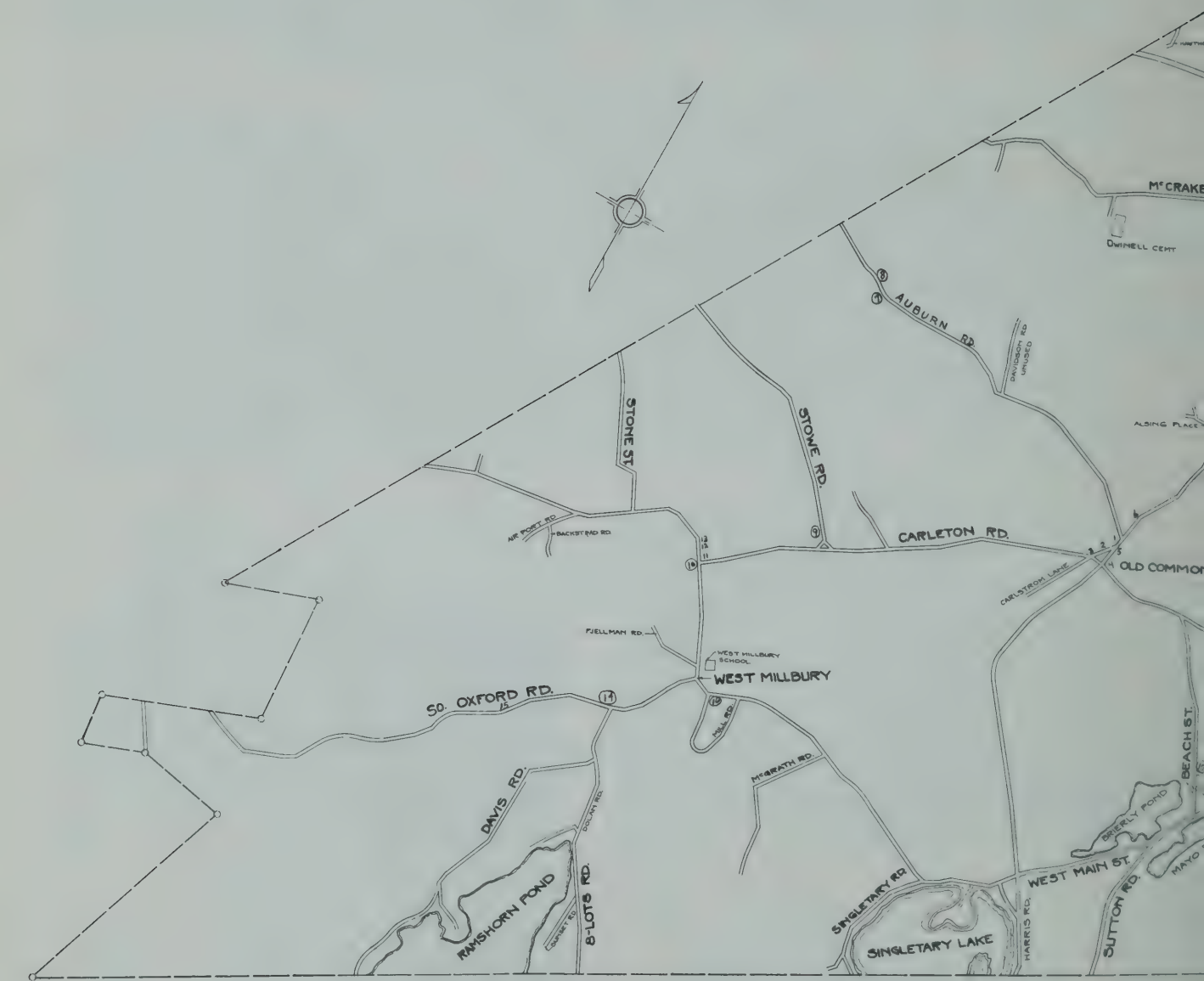
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CARLETON RD.
OLD COMMON
CARLSTROM LAKE
FJELLMAN RD.
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McGRATH RD.
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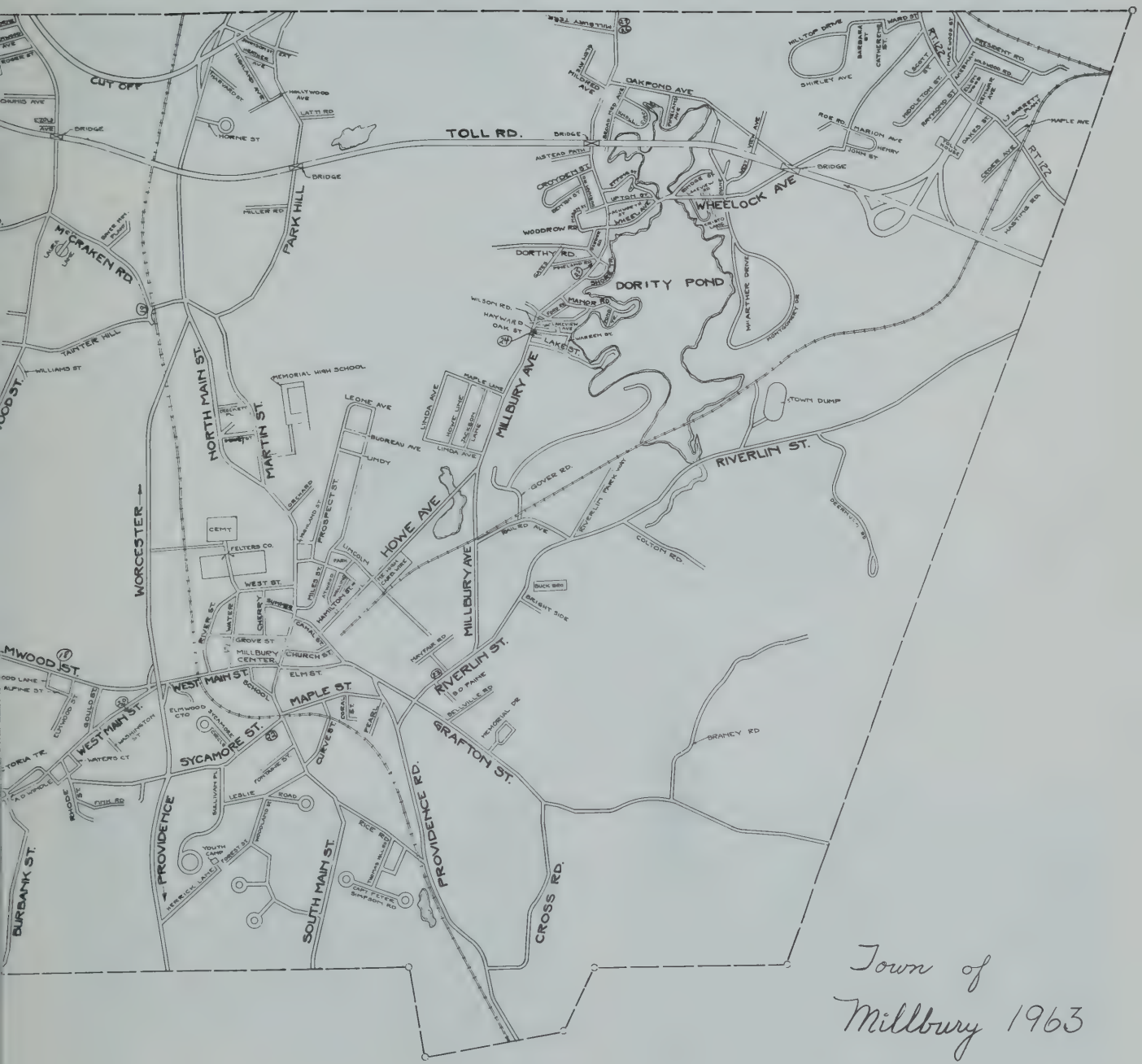


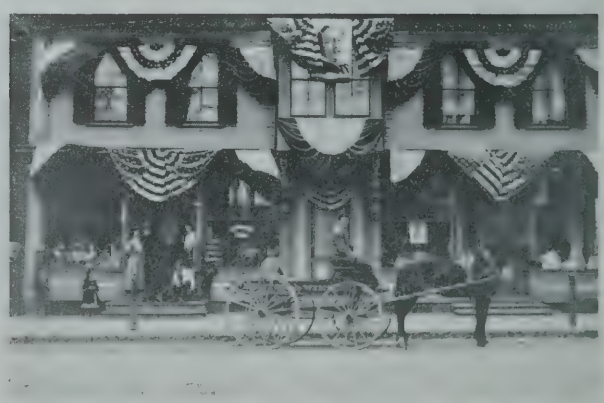
Town of
Millbury 1963

Dempsey's—now Dolan's

Boston & Albany Branch Station
on Canal Street.

Bramanville— Bandstand,
First Congregational Church, and general store.

Howe Grove, once a favorite picnic
and Trysting spot.



Dunton & Winters Store on Elm Street
stood where the Millbury Savings
Bank now has a parking lot.

MILLBURY CENTENNIAL

by Therinda Lindstrom

One of the great dates in the history of the town of Millbury was the celebration of the town's Centennial anniversary. This celebration was held from June eighth through June eleventh in the year 1913. The occasion marked the date of Millbury's separation from the town of Sutton.

The celebration was carefully planned by a committee consisting of the Board of Selectmen. These people, under the leadership of Mr. William W. Windle, who was appointed chairman, and Mr. Henry A. Philips, who was appointed secretary, carried a great responsibility upon their shoulders. Money for the celebration was appropriated by the town. The committee issued $3,200, and $400 was later added from various sources. With this sum, the committee was to purchase all the necessities for the program.

The events of the celebration were varied and numerous and were attended by visitors as well as townspeople. One of these was a tour of the historical landmarks in the town. The Torrey House was of special interest to visitors, for it was here that President William Howard Taft spent many of his summers as a young boy. (He, like other boys in the town, enjoyed their daily swim in the Blackstone River!) The Churches in the town were very active in the Centennial celebration. On Sunday, June eighth, in each church a special sermon was given concerning the Centennial. The next day there was a conducted tour of the early churches, such as the First Congregational and Methodist Episcopalian. The cemeteries, too, were visited by the spectators, and the graves of the Revolutionary War and Civil War soldiers were decorated. The early mills were opened for inspection also, for they were the sine qua non of Millbury's early business life.

As a special project of the committee, an historical exhibit was held. The townspeople took an active part in this. They delved into their past and into the past of their relatives; and, as a consequence, they unearthed many revelations—for example, legitimate signatures of George Washington and Andrew Jackson. Many antique pieces of furniture were uncovered, too. The people really derived a great deal of enjoyment from this exhibit. They were amazed with their findings; the results had been so rewarding. It was interesting for them to compare the crude furnishings of yester-years with their many modern conveniences.

Perhaps the Centennial Ball could be considered one of the highlights, for it was indeed a magnificent occasion. The Town Hall was beautifully decorated and actually shook as the townspeople executed the Grand March upon its floors. The gaiety and the merriment were spontaneous.

In the months prior to the celebration, the committee had sent invitations to bands and drum corps throughout the New England states. A stupendous and colorful parade was held in the streets of Millbury, and band after band passed the reviewing stand, hoping to win the approval of the judges.

Sports were not forgotten, for the program included games and contests for both adults and children. A special football game was held between Millbury players and Whitinsville players. The children were delighted with the various

entertainment provided for them. Band concerts and banquets were held. Day and night the town buzzed with activity and depicted its gaiety with beautiful decorations. There was never one dull moment. As a climax to the festivities, the townspeople went to Riverside Park to see a magnificent display of fireworks.

Enjoyment was the keynote of the celebration. However, the spirit of the townspeople was ever prevalent. They were proud of their town—proud of their schools, churches, buildings, and mills. They were proud of their heritage, proud to be citizens of the town of Millbury. Let us follow their example. We, too, can be proud that we can take an active part in the 150th celebration of our town.

(Note: Therinda is a sophomore in the Millbury Memorial High School and the above is the winning essay in a contest open to the 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.)

INTERESTING FACTS

Millbury once had a jail on Elmwood Street near its intersection with West Main Street.

Herman Goldberg, Millbury's one-time tailor, called ours "the greatest town in the world" and made fourteen trans-continental trips in order to revisit after moving to California.

Cliff Harris, former Millbury moderator now living in California, returns annually to visit his home town.

Tobacco was once successfully raised on the Waters Farm, dried in a barn on Waters Street, and made into cigars in the Arcade Building on Elm Street (near the Elms Theatre.)

Ichabod Washburn made the first wire-drawing experiments in a blacksmith shop on Old Common Road (now Auburn Road).

Sites of two of the few Indian soapstone mines in the United States are here in Millbury. Soapstone bowls and stone implements were found at the one on "Wigwam Hill" in Bramanville.

Millbury center was once called "Armory Village."

An old mounting block for lady horseback riders is still in place at the Hill residence on Riverlin Street. Purpose—"To enable ladies to mount horses gracefully."

In front of the Dempsey home on Main Street there is an old hitching post which has been there since the house was built.

There is a "Minute Man's" grave in County Bridge Cemetery. He was Captain Isaac Bolster.

"Tom" Dolan, the greatly respected and one-man police force for many years, never drew a gun.

William D. Horne and Roger H. Montague, who served on the 1913 Centennial committee, are members of the 150th anniversary committee.

FAITHFUL SERVANTS

James J. Cassidy is the elected official, now in office, who has served the longest uninterrupted period.

He was first elected auditor for the Town of Millbury in March, 1926 and has been re-elected annually ever since.

He was born on December 11, 1890 in North Oxford, came to Millbury when he was four years old, and has lived here since that time. He is married to the former Celina M. Crepeau of Millbury and lives at 7 Sycamore Street.

William D. Horne has held an appointive office in our town longer than any other citizen.

He became a fire fighter in 1899 and has been Millbury's Fire Chief since 1920. He has served as a forest fire warden for 45 years.

Mr. Horne was born in Millbury on October 24, 1880 and has been a life-long resident. He married the former Cora H. Miron on April 22, 1903.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Mrs. Samuel H. Colton of Red Farm is Millbury's oldest lady citizen. She was born Elizabeth Howe on March 31, 1864 in Webster. On November 28, 1892 she was married there to Mr. Colton. They came to Millbury as part-time residents in 1899 and Mrs. Colton has lived here full-time since 1921.

Clarence A. Fenner, our oldest male citizen, was born in Worcester on March 9, 1872 and came to live in Millbury at the age of 7. On November 3, 1897 he married Mary R. Herrick of Millbury. Mrs. Fenner died in August of 1958.

Mr. Fenner has served the town in various capacities during his long life here.

Millbury has two Golden Age Clubs. The first was organized in June 1956 under the sponsorship of the Millbury Grange. In 1959 the East Millbury Golden Age Club was organized. Both groups have been very successful and their self-administrated programs provide many hours of varied activity for retired citizens.

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